

FORM 6-K



SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

Report of Foreign Issuer Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Northern Rock plc

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

Northern Rock House Gosforth Newcastle upon Tyne England NE3 4PL

(Address of principal executive offices)

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1. Notification of Northern Rock plc Year-end Results Date of Preliminary

Announcement

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorised.

Northern Rock plc (Registrant)

Date: 10 January 2002

Ву

Name: (/ C Jobe

Title: Company Secretary

DATE OF PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT

The preliminary statement of the annual results of Northern Rock plc for the year ending 31 December 2001 will be announced on Wednesday 30 January 2002.

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